

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Catteau, F. et al.  
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Title: : EDGE-ON STRESS RELIEF OF THICK ALUMINUM PLATES  
Examiner : Morillo, Janell Combs  
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Customer No. : 59554

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007, this Amendment and Response is submitted. Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected on the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission;

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this submission; and

**Conclusions** begin on page 9 of this submission.